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**HON. VICTORIA WOOD (RET.)**

**Retired Judge Hon. Victoria Wood** brings a wealth of appellate experience to her distinguished career. Judge Wood's judicial tenure at the Napa Superior Court was marked by versatility, including presiding over a wide array of cases in various assignments, such as civil, probate, and family law. Notably, she held pivotal roles in court leadership, including serving as the Presiding Judge of the Appellate Division, Assistant Presiding Judge of the Court, and Lead Judge for the Civil, Juvenile, and Family Law Divisions. She also taught Appellate Division Best Practices for the California Judicial Education and Research program for judicial officers across the state.

Her expertise in appellate matters extends beyond her leadership roles. Prior to her appointment to the superior court bench, Judge Wood spent close to a decade as a court counsel, where she meticulously researched and wrote tentative rulings and orders for civil law and motion matters. Her contributions to the appellate process continued as she drafted the opinions for and advised the court's Appellate Division. Furthermore, her experience as a chambers attorney for the First District Court of Appeal provided her with further experience researching appellate matters and writing opinions, including published decisions, and provided invaluable insight into the intricacies of appellate practice.

With a proven track record of resolving complex disputes and proposing creative solutions, Judge Wood is highly respected in the legal community for her caring demeanor and sharp legal acumen. Her appellate experience, coupled with her compassionate approach, uniquely positions her to navigate even the most challenging legal dynamics with skill and empathy.